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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Executive Office of the President; Acquisition Advisory **Panel**;
Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory **Panel**

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget announces five meetings of the Acquisition Advisory **Panel** (AAP or ``**Panel**``) established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

DATES: There are five meetings announced in this Federal Register Notice. Public meetings of the **Panel** will be held on May 18th, May 31st, June 14th, July 7th and July 21st 2006. All meetings will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and end no later than 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Except for the July 7th meeting, all public meetings will be held at the Small Business Administration (SBA), 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC, 2nd Floor Eisenhower Conference Room (Metro stop at building: Federal Center Southwest, Orange or Blue Lines). The July 7th meeting will be held at the new FDIC Building, 3501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22226, Room 203. This facility is a quarter of a block off of the Orange Line metro stop for Virginia Square. The public must pre-register

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one week in advance for all meetings due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further information concerning these meetings or the **Panel** itself, or to pre-register for the meetings, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: laura.auletta@gsa.gov, phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Mr. Emile Monette, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: emile.monette@gsa.gov or by Fax at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO. Requests must be received no later than one week prior to the meeting for which speaking time is desired.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) Background: The purpose of the **Panel** is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy

and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The **Panel**'s statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings. Opportunity for public comments will be provided at the meetings. Any change will be announced in the Federal Register.

All Meetings--While the **Panel** may hear from additional invited speakers, the focus of these meetings will be discussions of and voting on working group findings and recommendations from selected working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 and May 17, 2005 public meetings of the AAP (see <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> for

a list of working groups). The **Panel** welcomes oral public comments at these meetings and has reserved one-half hour for this purpose at each meeting. Members of the public wishing to address the **Panel** during the meeting must contact Mr. Monette, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above).

(b) Posting of Draft Reports: Members of the public are encouraged to regularly visit the **Panel**'s web site for draft reports. Currently, the working groups are staggering the posting of various sections of their draft reports at <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> under

the link for ``Working Group Reports.'' The most recent posting is from the Commercial Practices Working Group. The public is encouraged to submit written comments on any and all draft reports.

(c) Adopted Recommendations: The **Panel** has adopted recommendations presented by the Small Business, Interagency Contracting, and Performance-Based Acquisition Working Groups as of the date of this notice. While additional recommendations from some of these working groups are likely and adopted recommendations from other working groups will be posted as recommendations are adopted, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the recommendations adopted by the **Panel** to date by going to <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> and

selecting the link for ``**Panel** Recommendations To Date.''

(d) Availability of Meeting Materials: Please see the **Panel**'s Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas and minutes. Questions/issues of particular interest to the **Panel** are also available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including ``Questions for Government Buying Agencies,'' ``Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government,'' ``Questions for Commercial Organizations,'' and an issue raised by one **Panel** member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled ``Revised Commercial Practices Proposal for Public Comment.'' The **Panel** encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues when presenting either oral public comments or written statements to the **Panel**.

(e) Procedures for Providing Public Comments: It is the policy of the **Panel** to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The **Panel** Staff expects that public statements presented at **Panel** meetings will be focused on the **Panel**'s statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Oral Comments: Speaking times will be confirmed by **Panel** staff on a ``first-come/first-served'' basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes.

Because **Panel** members may ask questions, reserved times will be approximate. Interested parties must contact Mr. Emile Monette, in writing (via mail, e-mail, or fax identified above for Mr. Monette) at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Oral requests for speaking time will not be taken. Speakers are requested to bring extra copies of their comments and/or presentation slides for distribution to the **Panel** at the meeting. Speakers wishing to use a Power Point presentation must e-mail the presentation to Mr. Monette one week in advance of the meeting.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received by the **Panel** Staff at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the **Panel** for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this FR Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Please note: Because the **Panel** operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the **Panel**'s Web site.

(f) Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Laura Auletta,
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Panel.

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